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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

A Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 accompanies this paper.

It is believed that no additional fees are required for this Response. However, should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this Response, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby

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authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any such fees, and Applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time.

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